

# GREAT MOOR AND DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

## NEWS AND UPDATE ON EVENTS DURING THE LAST MONTH AND REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### • **March meeting - 'Belly Dancing'**

Our February Members' meeting was rather different from our normal sedate affair. Joanna Dowey came to show and teach us how to belly dance! We were all given authentic coin skirts to wear, which jangled when we danced. Members had a great time learning some simple moves which fortunately didn't involve anyone injuring themselves! The activity was pitched at just the right level for our group and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part.



### • **Coffee afternoons for Apr and May**

Our next two coffee afternoon will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm at the Funky Monkey in Davenport. (Always the third wed in the month).

### • **Round the World Meals**

Six ladies went to the Copper Lounge in Hazel Grove for an Indian Meal. The restaurant has only just recently opened and the menu was quite different from those you see in other Indian establishments. The service was excellent with the staff eager to explain what each dish was, and the platters that some had for starters were delicious and attractively served.



We all enjoyed our main courses, and were so full we could only manage one sweet between the six of us!! Good food, good company, an excellent evening.

Our next RTW meal is on 10<sup>th</sup> Apr (3<sup>rd</sup> Apr is good Friday), venue tbc.

Please can we remind members that if you sign up for the 'Round the World meals' and you then find you cannot go, even at the last minute, it is important that you let the organiser or restaurant know.

### • **Lunch Club**

In March, our lunch club went to the Boar's Head at Higher Poynton. Once we had moved from our reserved table in the draughty back room, we settled into the cosy bar area and thoroughly enjoyed the food and the company. It was very good value for money, piping hot and

served quickly.



Lunch club dates for your diary

Wed 22 April - venue tbc,

Fri 15 May - venue tbc

### • **Fundraising meal at Davenport Tennis Club**

The first one of our fundraising meals at Davenport Tennis Club, is on Sat 18th April. There are only six places left and the cost is £10 for a three course meal with tea or coffee. If you've not put your name down yet, please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to come.

For anyone who hasn't yet paid their £10, please make sure you bring it to the Members' Meeting next Tuesday, 24th March to reserve your place. If you are not able to make the meeting, then please contact Trish H to make alternative arrangements for payment.

We would also be very grateful for donations of raffle prizes as this helps greatly with our fund raising on the night. Prizes can be brought to the next meeting, brought on the night of the meal or handed to any committee member - whichever is easiest for you.

### • **Book Club**

The score out of 10 for March's book 'The Auschwitz Violin' by Maria Angels Anglada ranged from 3 to 8 with the average score being 5.9. Members comments which were very emotive and thought provoking, included "an instruction manual on how to make a violin - I did not connect" and "shows the strength of the human spirit"

Next month's book is 'Never let me go', by British author Kazuo Ishiguro, which will be reviewed on Mon Apr 10<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> is a bank holiday), at The Shady Oak.

Their recommendation this month is 'The Miniaturist' by Jessie Burton.

### • **Craft Group**

Seven of us turned up for the wire knitting in Feb, and everybody chose their colour. The first difficulty was adding the beads at the beginning as the light was not very strong and the holes very very tiny.

Casting on Seven stitches was easy but knitting was more difficult as wire does not stretch like wool. A lot of stitches were dropped and picked up.



Somebody managed to add stitches and drop then by magic. The finished bracelets were all lovely and very different.

At our March craft evening, Anne showed us how to make sock bunnies. Using a small pair of toddler's socks, we cut, sewed and stuffed to produce lovely little rabbits. Despite Anne making it look so easy, we found it quite challenging but thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and were very pleased with the results.

On Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Apr, at the Shady Oak pub, Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7 3PG, Sue will be showing us how to make Yorkshire buttons.

You will need to take with you:-

- A blunt tapestry needle.
- Crochet cotton or similar.
- A pair of scissors.

Sue will make the templates and will have cotton and stuffing.

Please sign the list if interested.

#### Future dates for your diary

19th May - Cloth tray (Christina)

#### • **Knit and Natter**

The Knit and Natter group meet at 'The Shady Oak', Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7 3PG from 7:30pm onwards. Either turn up on the night or contact Nicole D or Sue M for further details or help with getting there.

The next session is on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Apr. (every second Wed of the month).

#### • **Games Night**

The WI Games Night is for everyone who likes to play, or wants to learn, simple, fun games and have an evening of entertainment and laughter. Nothing too long or mentally strenuous! If you have a game to share, you can bring it and teach us. If you have forgotten one, between us we can remember. Please come and join in. If you need a lift let us know and we can get a car pool off the ground!

Many thanks, Chris and Jane

Next 2 dates for your diary:

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May, Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June

#### • **Weekend Walks**

On Sunday Feb 22nd three of us started from Dunham Massey car park, heading back out of the park to walk to Dunham Village and then along the canal path. The weather was reasonable at first but quickly got worse and we found ourselves battling rain and sleet by half way. We carried on, of course and came back into the park near the stables. The new visitor's centre was busy but we manage a warming bowl of soup before setting back home.

Future weekend walks for your diary

Mar Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Combs Reservoir

Apr Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Weren't Low

#### • **Weekday Walks**

Our local walk for March started from Nelson Pit visitor's centre and headed along the canal path leaving at Bridge 13.

We all remarked how varied this walk was, as we walked through woodland, across streams, open fields and even at one point crossing the tracks of the Manchester to Buxton railway. We entered Lyme Park near the start of the drive and walked towards the cafe for a cup of tea. We returned to the marina

and Nelson Pit via the downhill path from the gate leading out of the park near The Knot. Our group of five walkers had an very enjoyable and invigorating walk.



Future weekday walks for your diary

Apr Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Lady brook valley to Poynton

May Tues 5<sup>th</sup> A Manchester Town Trail

If you are interested in these, the weekend and/or the weekday walks please sign the lists at the meetings or

contact Marjorie B or Lorna H. It is a great way to spend an afternoon or day at the weekend.

#### • **Pub Quiz Group**

The pub quiz group secured first place for the second time during the last month at the 'Puss in Boots'. It is good fun and a good night out so if anyone wants to join them please speak to Trish H. It doesn't matter if you can't manage every week, everyone is welcome.

#### • **Our Centenary Celebration**

Our Celebration of the WI Centenary will be on Fri 18<sup>th</sup> September at the Civic Hall. We are considering costume hire from Chards (we have until last Sunday in July to decide) and are seeking members' suggestions at the March meeting.

#### • **Suggestion Box**

Don't forget our suggestion box for members who have ideas for activities that they would like to help to provide, or any other suggestions they would like to put forward. Please put all suggestion in the box.

#### • **Cinema/Theatre group**

We have a very busy Cinema/Theatre group and sometimes have to book tickets very quickly and a long time in advance. To avoid disappointment, if you wish to be included and receive information about what's being planned then please e-mail Alia to add your name to the cinema/theatre group list.

#### **'The Second Best Marigold Hotel'**

A group of members went to Cineworld, Didsbury, to see The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Unlike a lot of sequels, we all felt that this was as good, if not better, than the original film. With most of the cast returning for this follow-up, and with the addition of Richard Gere, the acting is superb. But the real winner is the fabulous scenery and the way in which the hustle and bustle of the Indian setting is captured.

#### **'Blood Brothers'**

Many members had all ready seen the musical, Blood Brothers, but this did not stop us from enjoying seeing it again at the Palace Theatre. Maureen Nolan took the lead part of Mrs Johnson and Marty Pellow played the role of the narrator. As always, it ran the course of emotions from hilarious comedy to utter tragedy, with the audience rising to their feet to give the cast a standing ovation at the end.

#### **'The Lieutenant of Inishmore'**

The Altrincham Garrick's March performance was a staging of The Lieutenant of Inishmore, a play by Martin McDonagh. To say that the audience needed strong stomachs to watch this hilarious black comedy, would be to understate the matter! We were treated to a headless cat, torture, numerous murders, blood splattered walls and actors, and, to crown it all, bodies being dismembered on stage. It certainly made for a very different sort of evening!

#### **'A View From the Bridge'**

A group of members went to see Arthur Miller's play, A View From the Bridge, at the Stockport Garrick Theatre. It is sixty years since this play was first performed but it has aged well, with many of the issues still relevant today. There was a very strong performance from the actor playing the central role of Eddie, a dock worker, who takes in his wife's cousins, who are illegal immigrants. When one of them falls for his niece, he betrays them to immigration and thus makes himself an outcast in the local community. The play was well staged, with a good set and strong performances all round.

## Already booked

Twelve Angry Men, 26/3/15

## Future Options

Globe on Screen - Titus Andronicus, 09/04/15

NTL - The Hard Problem, 16/04/15

When we are Married, Garrick Stockport, 29/04/15

Globe on screen - Julius Caesar, Didsbury, 30/04/15

Stepping Out, Altrincham Garrick, 01/05/15

Passing Strangers, Poynton Players, 13/05/15

NTL Man and Superman, Didsbury, 14/05/15

To Kill a Mockingbird, 21/05/15

Globe on Screen - Comedy of Errors, Didsbury, 09/07/15

NTL Everyman, 16/07/15

Handbagged, the Lowry Theatre, 17/09/15

Birmingham Royal Ballet - Swan Lake, The Lowry Theatre, 25/09/15

The Sound of Music, The Lowry Theatre, 17/12/15

Mamma Mia, The Palace Theatre, 12/05/16

Further details available on the website.

Please let Alia know if you are interested in going to any of these by email, or at the next members' meeting by signing the relevant sheet.

**If interested in any of the events, please sign the relevant sheet at the next meeting.**

### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WI (NFWI)

#### • The Centenary Celebrations

The Centenary celebrations are to be held on 16th September 2015. Further information will follow shortly.

The NFWI March newsletter is attached to the email.

### CHESHIRE FEDERATION OF WI'S (CFWI) UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/NEWS

The CFWI have a number of activities/events over the next few months that may be of interest to members.

#### • County Quiz Final 10<sup>th</sup> Apr

The County quiz final takes place on Fri, 10<sup>th</sup> April at Comberbach Village Hall. Our team will be there having won first place in their knock out round. Observers are welcome, so if you wish to go along contact Trish H for further details.

#### • County Walk Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Apr

Organised by Moulton WI; a 5/6 mile walk in the Kingsley area near Frodsham. Field, track and country lanes, no exceptional climbs. Please bring a packed lunch. Contact Joan Christie at norman.christie@talktalk.net or Margaret Atherton on 01606 44253 to book a place.

#### • New members meeting 2015

CFWI is holding two new members meetings on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at WI House, Chester. The first is at 10.00 for 10.30 am, the second at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. All are welcome to go and see WI house, have coffee and meet other members. See Trish H for further details.

#### • Cycling Day Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May

This is being held at Barony Park from 10.30 - 3.00. Cycling Champions from 'Breeze' will be on hand to answer questions on cycling safety and how to maintain your bicycle. Bring your own picnic to have in the park and enjoy an afternoon cycle along the 5 mile Connect2Cycleway to Queens Park, Crewe.

Why not dust off your bicycle and join them. Please sign the list if interested. Cost £1.00.

#### • Cheshire Show 2015 - Stewards

This year the Cheshire Show is being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June at The Showground Tabley. It is a special year for WI

members with the National Federation celebrating its centenary and the Cheshire Federation its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have now received forms for those that would like to be refreshments area stewards or exhibition stewards.

Refreshment area stewards would work for 3 hours and receive a free entry ticket. Exhibitions stewards would work two sessions of 2¼ hours, and then receive a free entry ticket. Please see Trish H if interested.

Some members in the past have worked on the Fast Food area, and if you wish to do so again please see Trish H.

#### • Cheshire Show 2015 - Cakes

WI Cheshire Show would welcome any 7 inch sandwich and lemon drizzle cakes for the WI refreshment area. All cakes must be sealed in plastic bags unfilled, and labelled with your name, your WI's name and cake variety eg plain, chocolate, coffee or lemon drizzle, and delivered to the cake mobile unit at the rear of the WI marquee. You will be re-imbursed the cost if you present a bill for £1.90 (per cake). Please see Trish H for further details.

#### • Cheshire Show 2015 - Individual Entries

If anyone wishes to submit an individual entry into the Cheshire Show, please see Nicole at the next meeting and let her know what you will be submitting. Please can you take the entry fee and give it to Nicole as it is due by the beginning of Apr. The cost is £1.00 for each individual entry.

#### • Lady Denman Cup

This is a competition to write in no more than 500 words a piece entitled '@A Presidents Log: Star Date 2115'. All entries must reach the Cheshire Federation by 3<sup>rd</sup> July. See Trish H for further details.

#### • CFWI 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Centenary Celebration

This will take place at Gawsorth Hall on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July, with the gates open to members from 12.30 pm. Cost of £5.00 includes glass of fizz and slice of celebration cake, entrance to The Hall, open from 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm, and grounds, open until 6.30 pm. There will be entertainment in the theatre. Bring your own picnic/gazebo/chairs. Closing date to buy tickets 28<sup>th</sup> May Please sign the list if interested.

#### • High Sheriff's Cheshire Prize

The High Sheriff's Cheshire Prize for Literature will be awarded for an original and previously unpublished short story not exceeding 1500 words. Entries have to be received by 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. See Trish H for further details.

### NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

#### • Spring Evening Meeting

This takes place on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April, with Lydia Slack. Drinks and nibbles at 7.00 pm, with the meeting starting 7.30 pm. The tickets are £5.00. Please see Toni for a ticket if you wish to go.

#### • NECG Summer Outing Wed 30<sup>th</sup> June

Unfortunately the summer outing to Keswick has now been cancelled, so the NECG committee will be looking at alternative recommendations. Further information to follow.

#### • Autumn Evening Meeting

This takes place on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, with speaker, buffet and cabaret. Further information to follow.

#### • Pennine Group of WI

Pennine Group of WIs has issued an open invitation on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm for 7.30pm at Woodly Civic Hall – Speaker E M Powell who is a popular historical author. Tickets £4. Please see Trish H if interested.

• **Broadcast of the NFWI Centenary AGM**

As mentioned at the January meeting Adlington WI has the option of hiring Cinemac at the Heritage Centre in Macclesfield to screen the live broadcast of the NFWI Centenary AGM from the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday 4th June. Before they commit they need to establish what support there is from other WIs. The venue can seat up to 300 but at least 100 are needed to make it viable. Tickets will cost a maximum of £5, less if there is a good response.

Please will you let Alia know if you are interested as soon as you can so that she can let Adlington know.

**FRANCIS HOUSE**

• **Easter Knitted Chicks**

A huge thank you to all who knitted the chicks and also those who provided the eggs. Ninety-two chicks with eggs were collected on Saturday and these will then be sold by local schools and businesses with proceeds going to Francis House.

• **Fundraising afternoon tea**

Please put the date in your diary for our 'Afternoon Tea' at Davenport Tennis Club to raise money for our charity 'Francis House'. It will be held on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 3.00 pm till 5.30pm.

• **Open Day**

Francis House will be having an open day on Mon 27<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome.

• **Charity events**

Two Charity events planned are the Manchester to Liverpool Bike Ride on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May and Three Peaks Challenge – a 6m or 13m walk on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please see Lorna for further details.

Thought should be given to which charity we shall support starting in September. We will be discussing and voting on this at the June or July meeting so please think about local charities you would like to put forward for consideration.

Our charity co-ordinator committee member is Lorna H. Please see Lorna if you have any ideas regarding fundraising for Francis House.

**STOCKPORT FOODBANK**

We are still collecting much needed donations for Stockport's Food bank. Why not ask your family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, community groups etc to help donate!!! Thank you.

**STEPPING HILL HOSPITAL**

Stepping Hill Hospital now have a stall outside the maternity unit where they sell knitted items to raise funds for the maternity unit. They need small knitted toys or dolls, small cardigans (baby ones), baby hats, (though bigger than the ones we have knitted for the S.C.B.U), etc. Please see Vera for further information.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Sue M on 19<sup>th</sup> Mar, Liz F on 20<sup>th</sup> Mar, Nicole D on 28<sup>th</sup> Mar, Rona Q on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Lorna H on 5<sup>th</sup> Apr, Sue J on 6<sup>th</sup> Apr, Sue S on 9<sup>th</sup> Apr and Marjorie B on 15<sup>th</sup> Apr, all celebrate their birthdays over the next month. Have a great time ladies on your special day.

If you would to be included in our birthday wishes please put your birth date and month on the birthday list at the next meeting.

**WEBSITE**

You can find our Great Moor and District WI at: - [www.greatmooranddistrictwi.org.uk](http://www.greatmooranddistrictwi.org.uk) . You will find details of all of current, future and past activities. Please let us know if you would like to add or change anything.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, and Solicitor Tessa Whiskard, will be discussing various law topics. All members and visitors can sign in from 7.15 pm, for a prompt 7.30 pm start. If possible could the greeters try and arrive early (i.e. before 7.15 pm) to welcome all new visitors/members.

Please can we remind members they must tick their name when they arrive, so that we know who is present. We need this for safety reasons e.g. should there be a fire and we need to evacuate the building.

**NEXT TWO MONTH'S PROGRAMME FOR 2015**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Internet dating.  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Resolutions - Charity Vote - Cake Competition

**HOSTESS ROTA**

Chris T, Karen O, Valerie L and Linda K are our hostesses for March. Please can the hostesses liaise to bring 4 pints of milk, tea towels and cake. (All costs will be reimbursed by Trisha on production of a receipt). Hostesses for this year are still needed, so if you haven't already done so please sign up on the hostesses' rota list at the next meeting, there is no obligation to bake !!!!

**TRADE TABLE/BOOK STALL**

We continue to have our book sale and some more books would be very much appreciated, so please bring them along to sell on the night. Prices for books will be 50p for paperbacks and £1.00 for hardbacks. The loose change collection box will always be available for donations.

**RAFFLE**

Ladies, if you have anything that we could use in our monthly raffle, then please bring the items along to the meeting and Mary P will be delighted to receive them. Many thanks.